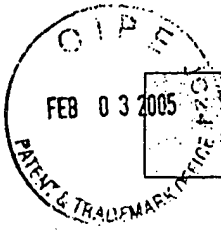


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**EXAMINATION GROUP 2175**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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